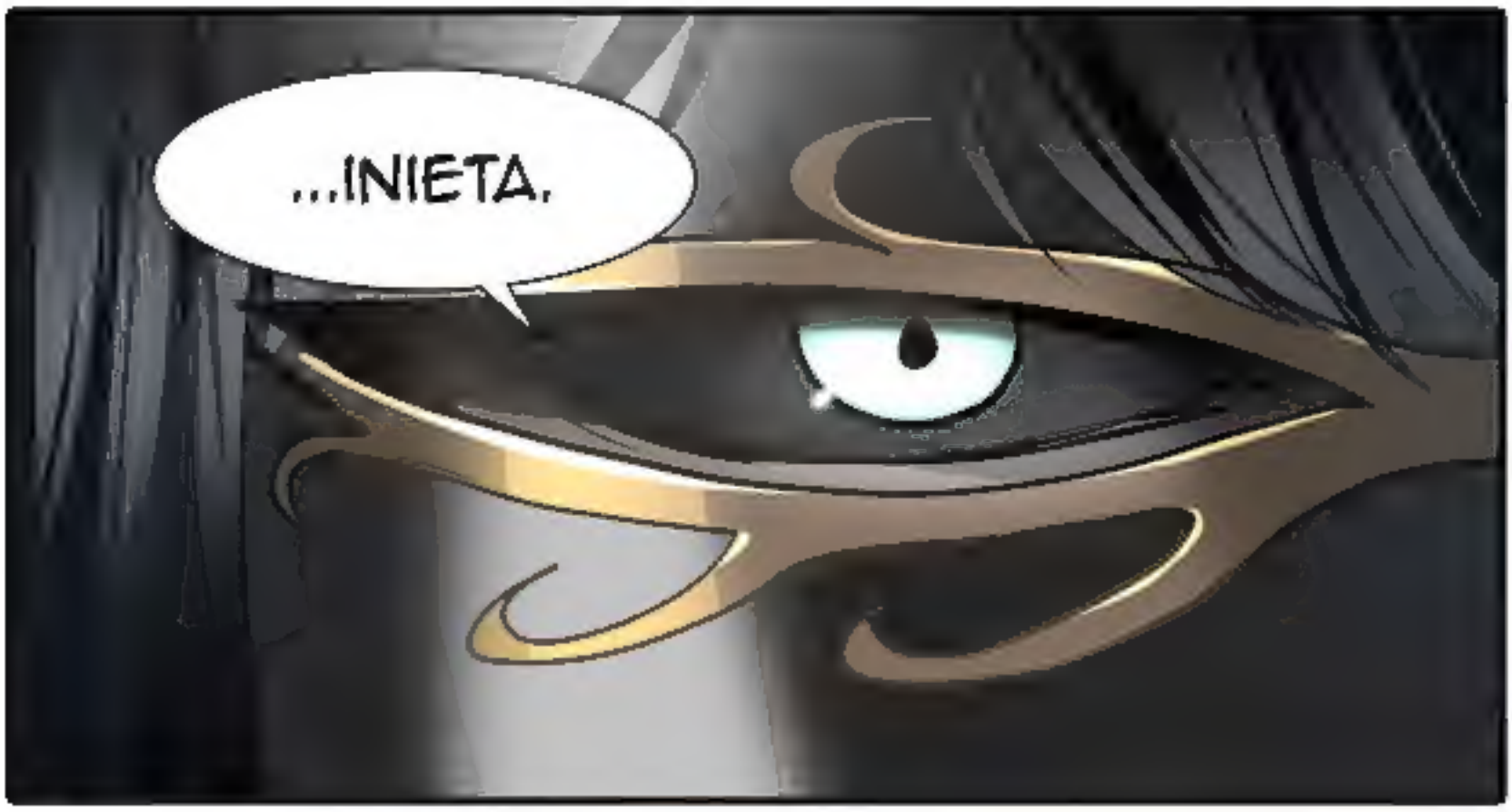
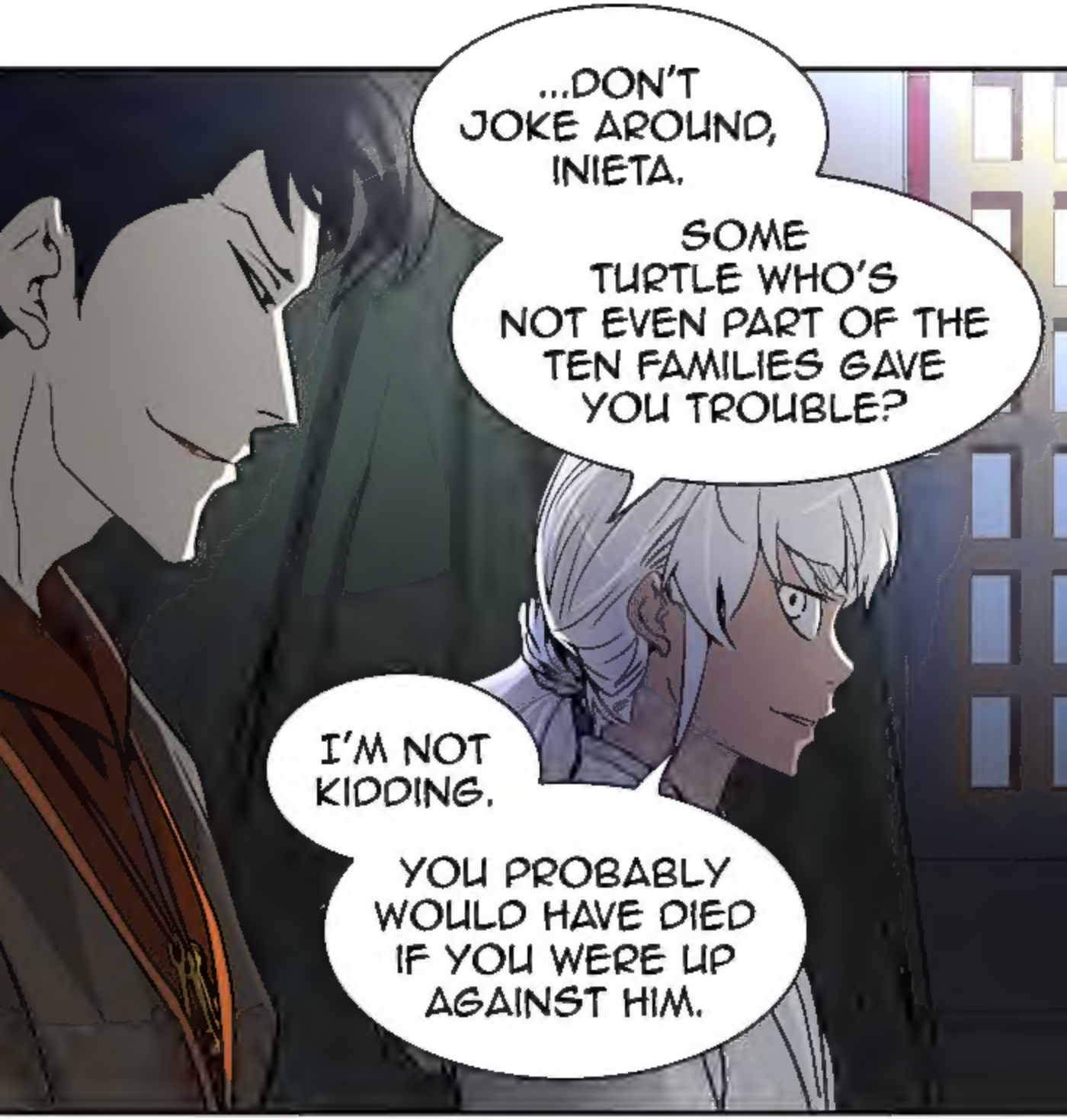
HEY~
LONG TIME
NO SEE~
KAISER.


...INIETA.

..ARE THOSE JUE VIOLE GRACE'S COMPANIONS?
STEP-
STEP-
WELL, IT SEEMS THAT WAY.

IT WAS A LOT HARDER TO CAPTURE THEM THAN I THOUGHT.
ESPECIALLY THAT TURTLE...
I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SEE JUE VIOLE GRACE BECAUSE OF YOU.


...DON'T JOKE AROUND, INIETA.
SOME TURTLE WHO'S NOT EVEN PART OF THE TEN FAMILIES GAVE YOU TROUBLE?
I'M NOT KIDDING.
YOU PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DIED IF YOU WERE UP AGAINST HIM.

HMPH. DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME. I'M ONE OF THE TEN BOSSES TOO.
I WOULDN'T LOSE EASILY TO SOME FREAK LIKE THAT.
SO.. THIS IS QUITE SOMETHING, KAISER.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FAILED TO STEAL HIS NAME.
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER?!

...THINGS JUST ENDED UP THIS WAY.
FOR ONCE, YOUR ODD BEHAVIOR HAS ACTUALLY HELPED ME.
HAHA. IS THAT SO?

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR, KAISER.
...A FAVOR?

COULD YOU GIVE ME-
SSK
THAT TURTLE GUY?
I WANT TO MAKE HIM MY SERVANT.

...I'M SORRY BUT THAT WILL BE A BIT DIFFICULT TO DO.
..WHAT?

THIS FESTIVAL IS SPECIAL. A SLAYER CANDIDATE FROM FUG AND PRINCESS JAHAD ARE HERE WITH US.
THE MORE VALUABLE GOODS WE HAVE, THE BETTER.
.....
I CAN'T HAND THAT TURTLE OVER TO YOU.

THOSE GUYS-
ARE GOING TO GO UP FOR SALE AT THE AUCTION DURING THE FESTIVAL.

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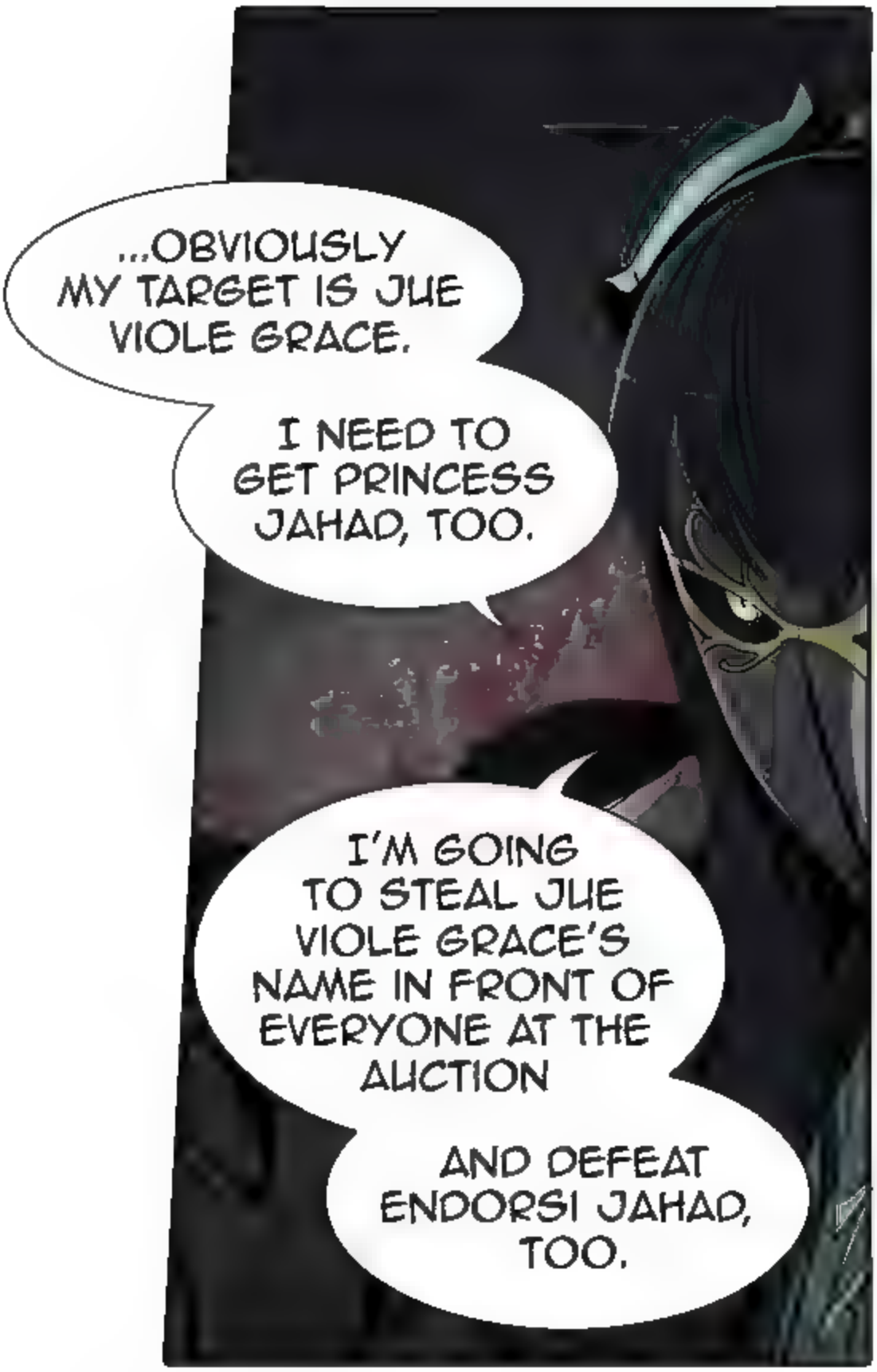
..PUTTING THEM UP FOR AUCTION?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON LURING JUE VIOLE GRACE TO THE AUCTION?
..USING THEM AS BAIT..?


...OBVIOUSLY MY TARGET IS JUE VIOLE GRACE.
I NEED TO GET PRINCESS JAHAD, TOO.
I'M GOING TO STEAL JUE VIOLE GRACE'S NAME IN FRONT OF EVERYONE AT THE AUCTION
AND DEFEAT ENDORSI JAHAD, TOO.

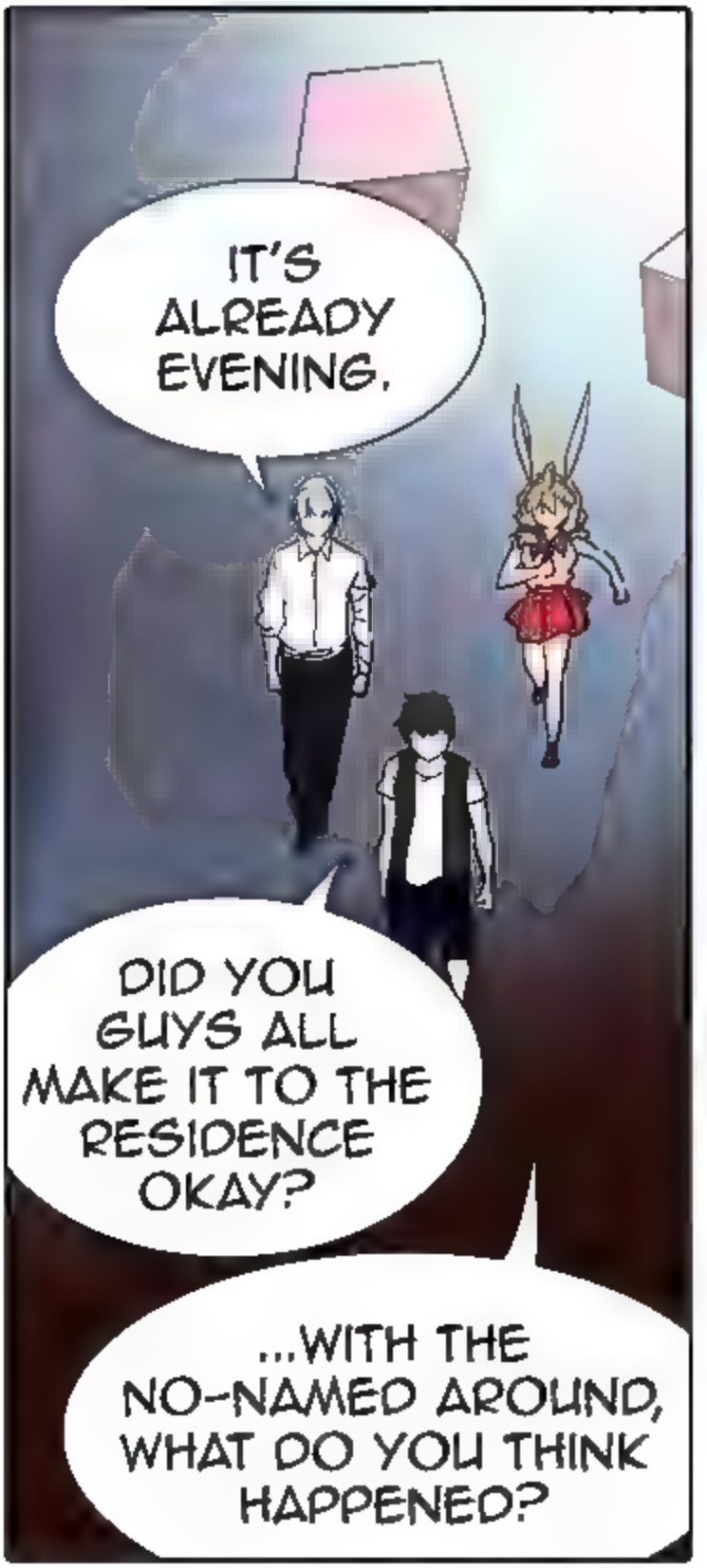
I HAVE A PLAN SO YOU GUYS JUST WAIT.
JUST KEEP AN EYE ON THE HOSTAGES UNTIL THEN.
HEHEHE
HEHEHE
HEHEHE!! IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE SOMETHING THIS INTERESTING HAPPENED.
THE BIDS ARE REALLY GOING TO GO UP SINCE THEY HAVE SUCH PRICEY NAMES!

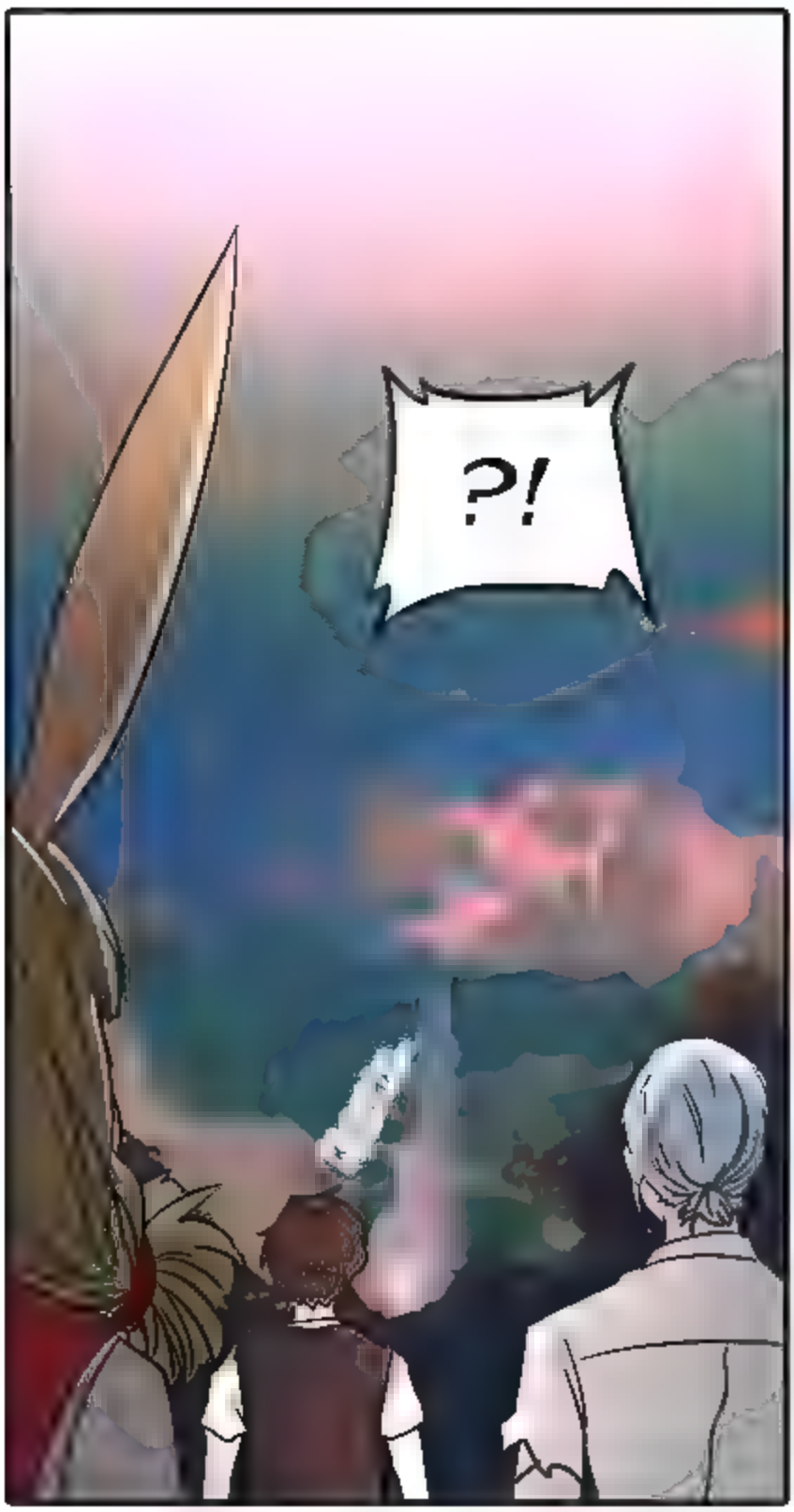
JUE VIOLE GRACE... YOU STILL KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS STATION.

I'M NOT THE TRUE RULER OF THIS PLACE.

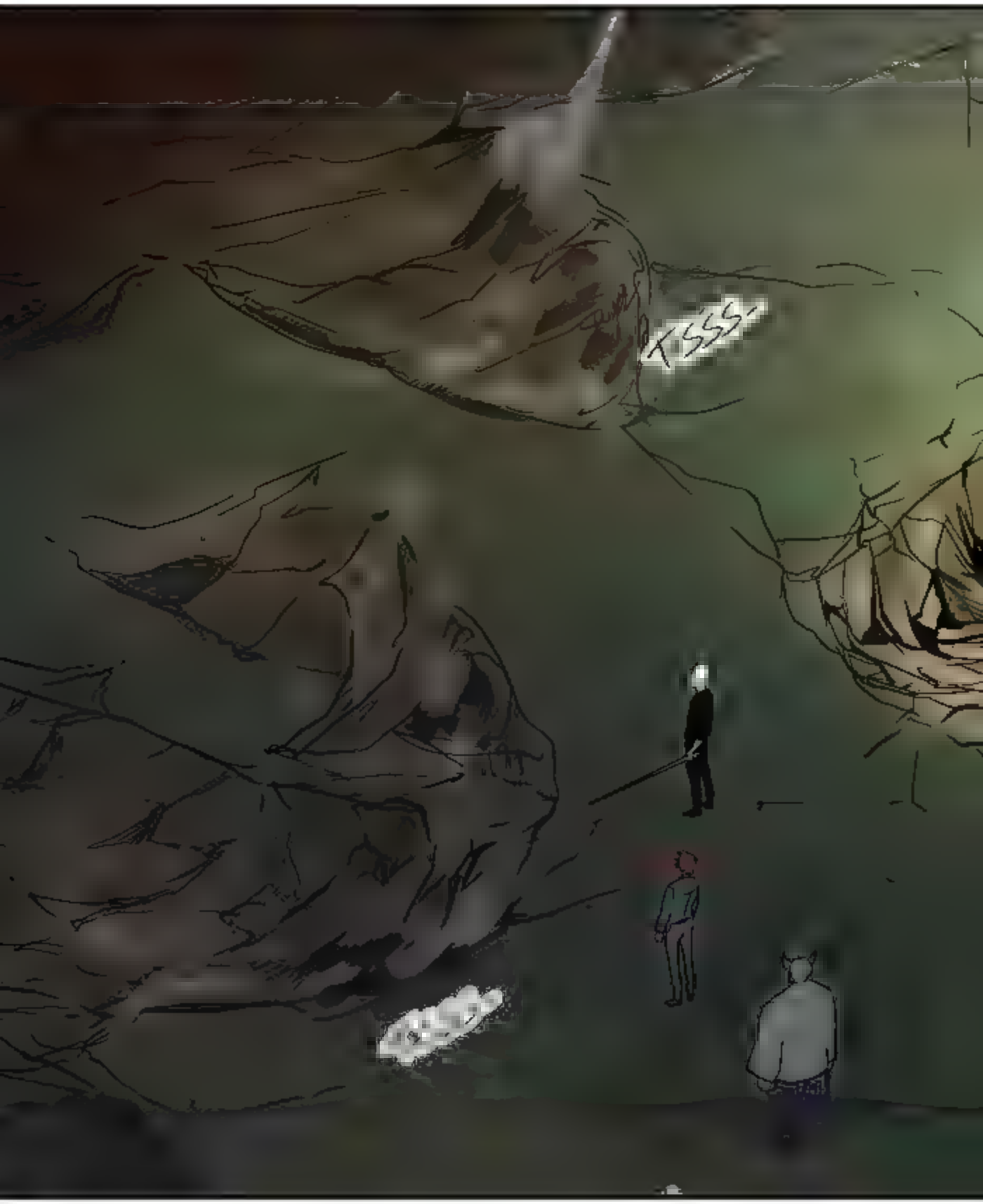
YOU ARE NOW GOING TO FIND OUT HOW TERRIFYING THIS STATION REALLY IS.

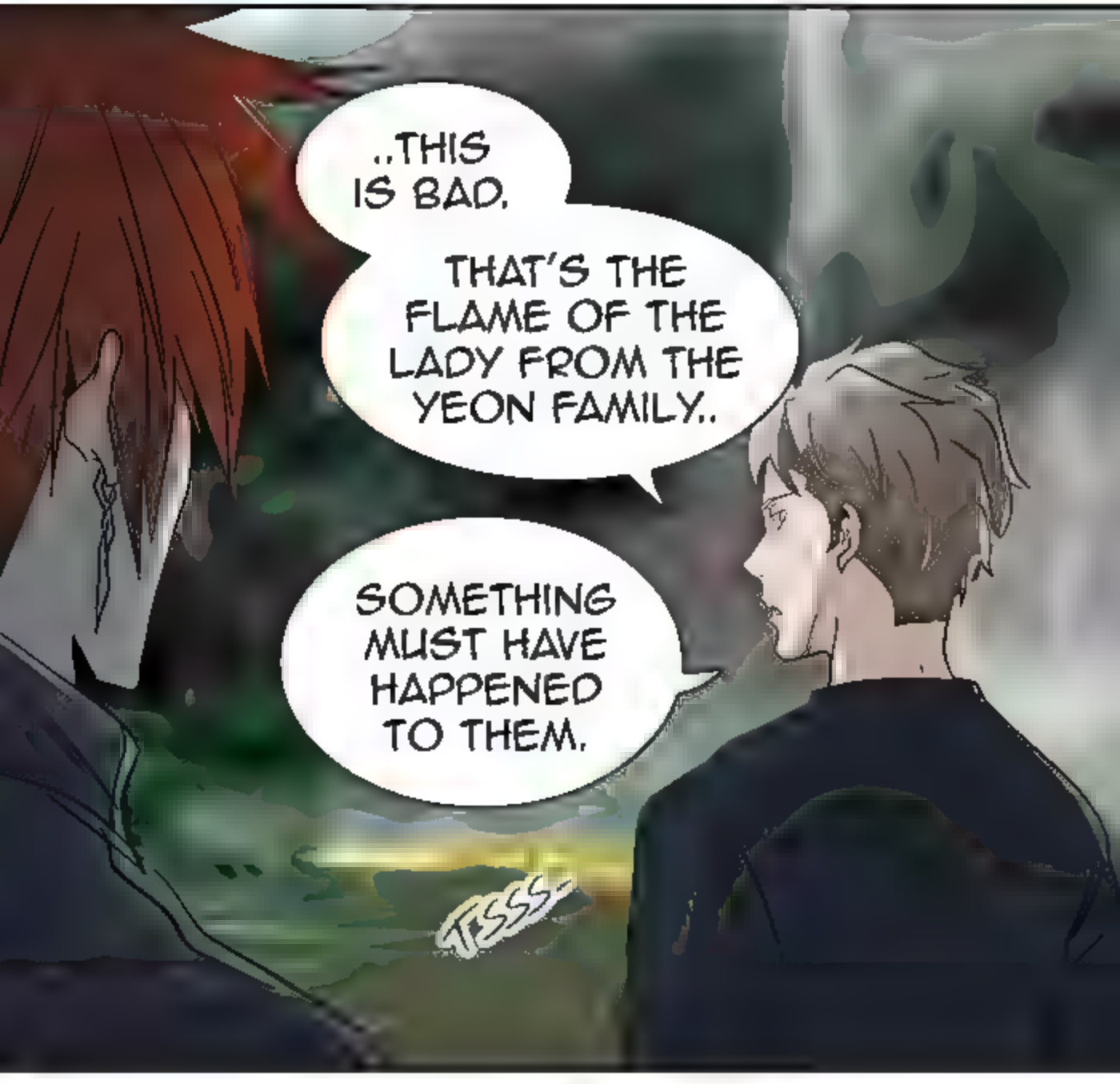
NO-NAMED AREA

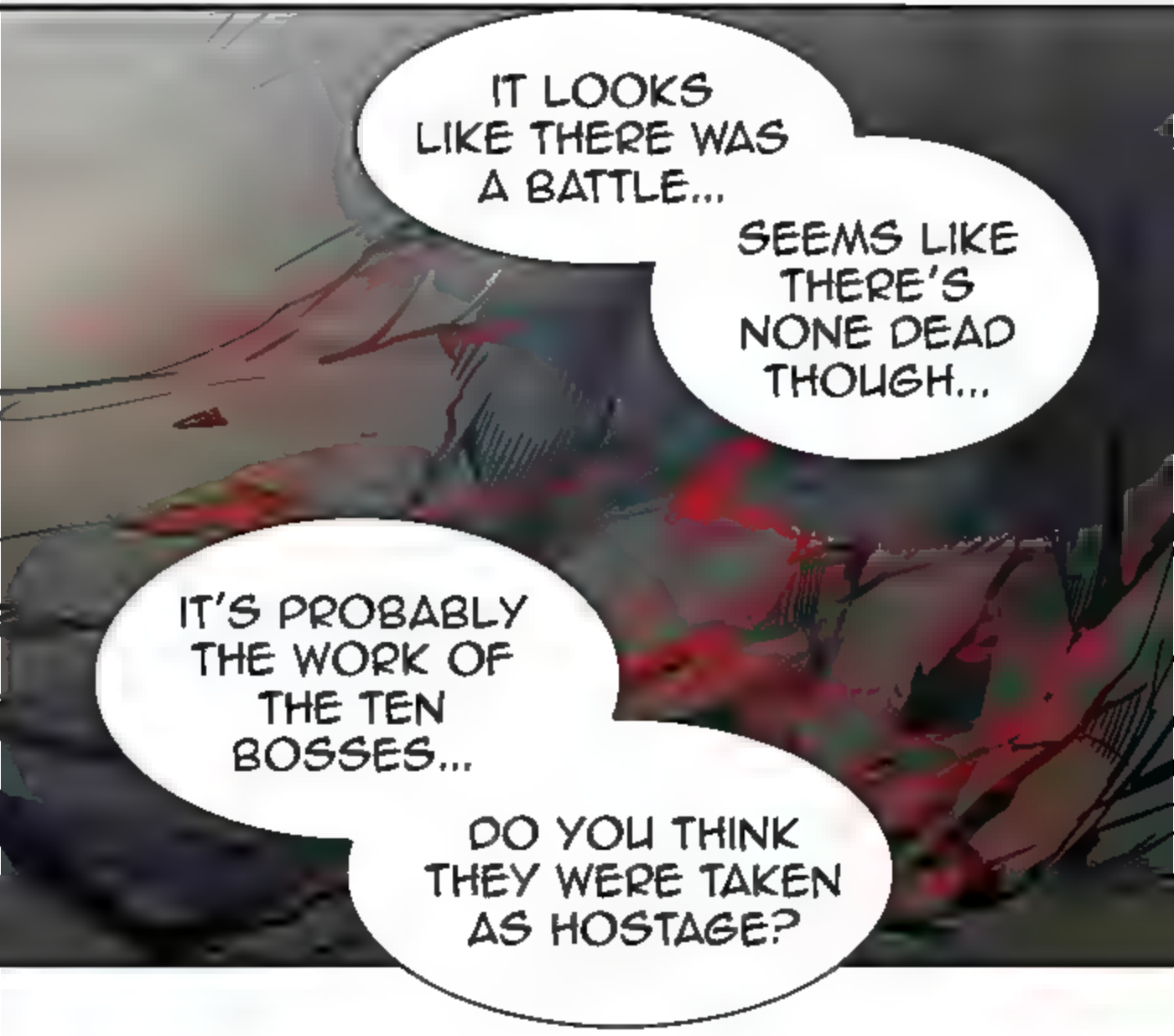

IT'S ALREADY EVENING.
DID YOU GUYS ALL MAKE IT TO THE RESIDENCE OKAY?
...WITH THE NO-NAMED AROUND, WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED?



IS THAT..
SMOKE..?!


KSSS


..THIS IS BAD.
THAT'S THE FLAME OF THE LADY FROM THE YEON FAMILY..
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM.
TSSS-


IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A BATTLE...
SEEMS LIKE THERE'S NONE DEAD THOUGH...
IT'S PROBABLY THE WORK OF THE TEN BOSSES...
DO YOU THINK THEY WERE TAKEN AS HOSTAGE?

..THEY PROBABLY TOOK THEM AWAY TO SELL HER AT THE AUCTION.
....AUCTION?

YES. IT'S AN EVENT THAT TAKES PLACE AT EVERY FESTIVAL. THEY TAKE MONEY IN EXCHANGE FOR SELLING THE NAMES OF SELECTED CANDIDATES TO RANKERS.
THE NAME OF SOMEONE FROM THE TEN FAMILIES WOULD SELL FOR A VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT.
RESIDENT SELECTED CANDIDATE IN THE NO-NAMED AREA (NAMED)
RED GRAMON
SINCE THE MAIN FAMILY WILL PAY A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO GET THEM BACK IF THEY FEEL THAT THEY ARE WORTH SAVING.

RANKERS BUY PEOPLE'S NAMES..?
YES.. SELECTED CANDIDATES WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN SOLD MAY LEAVE THIS PLACE,
BUT THEY MUST FOREVER LIVE AS THE PROPERTY OF THE RANKER WHO BOUGHT THEIR NAME. THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THE STATION'S RULES.

IF VIOLE'S COMPANIONS GET SOLD AT THE AUCTION,
IN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THEM AGAIN.

IT'S LIKE HUMAN TRAFFICKING...
I'VE HEARD A LOT OF BAD RUMORS ABOUT THIS STATION, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS THIS BAD...

SACHI-!!
TATATA
?

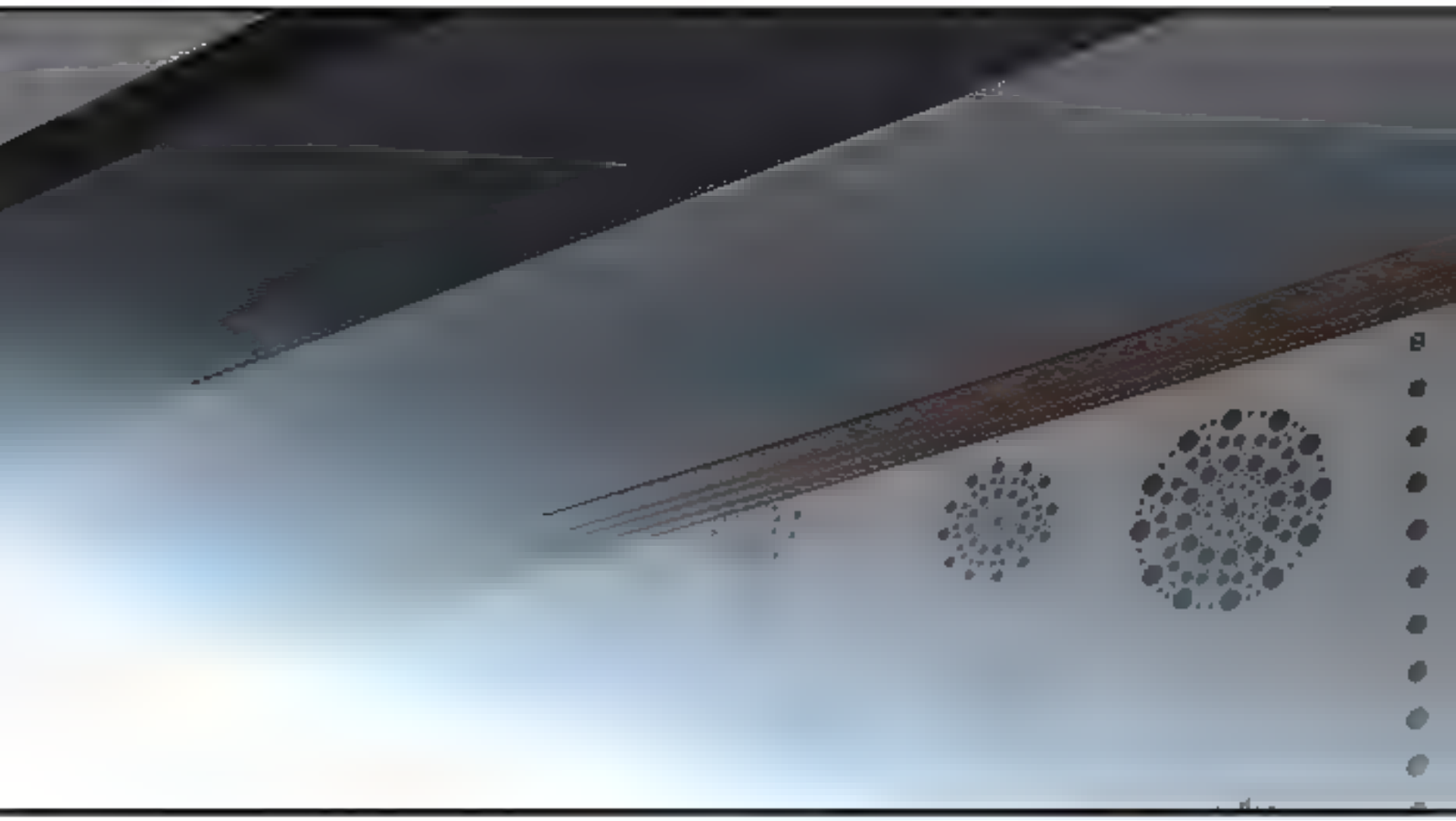
BAM?!
WHERE HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN?!
...W-WHAT HAPPENED?!
WHAT'S ALL THIS..?!

...IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A FIGHT WHILE THEY WERE MOVING.
A FIGHT?!
YEAH... I THINK THEY GOT ATTACKED BY THE TEN BOSSES...

I THINK YOUR COMPANION THE TURTLE AND...
THE SWORDSMAN FROM THE YEON FAMILY GOT CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY.
WHAT..?!

EHWA AND RAK...

GOT CAPTURED..?!



CRAP..
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT TURTLE WOULD GET CAUGHT.
-TAP-
I NEVER IMAGINED THIS WOULD HAPPEN..

WE DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD GET CAUGHT EITHER.
..DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU GUYS TOO..?
YEAH..
THERE WAS A BIT OF TROUBLE BETWEEN US AND THE OTHER COMPANIONS WHO WERE HERE..

TROUBLE..?
AH, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AFTER KAISER'S NAME TOO..
WHAT..?!
...WE MAY EVEN END UP FIGHTING THEM..

..FIGHTING THEM..?
ARE YOU SAYING
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
TO FIGHT OUR OWN
COMPANIONS OVER
KAISER'S NAME?
YEAH...
BUT
I DIDN'T THINK
THAT THINGS WOULD
GET SO SCREWED UP.
I NEVER THOUGHT THE
TURTLE AND THOSE
GUYS WOULD GET
CAUGHT..

..I SEE.
SO YOU GUYS CAME HERE FOR KAISER'S NAME TOO..

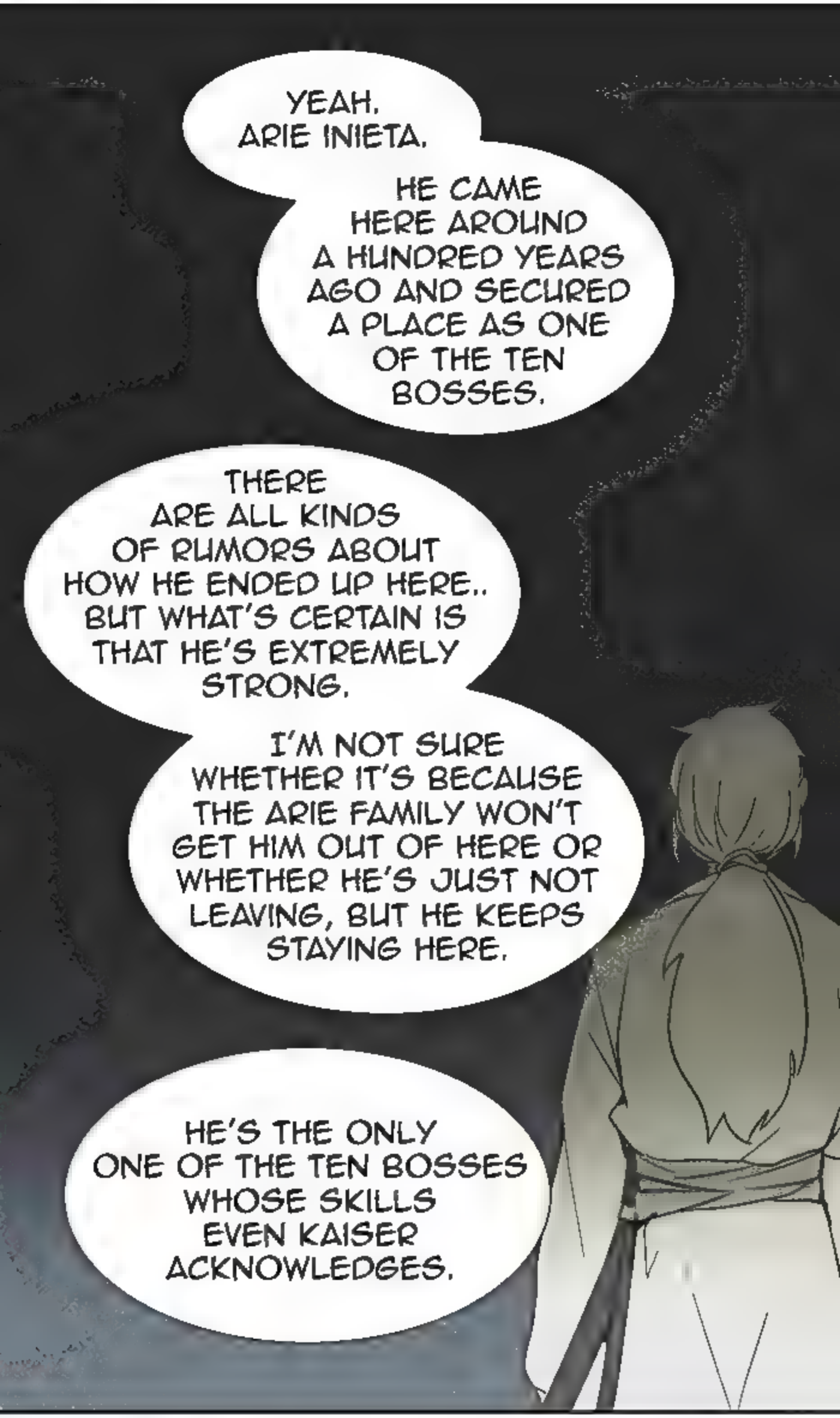
IF I HAD KNOWN THIS, I WOULDN'T HAVE COOPERATED WITH THEM..

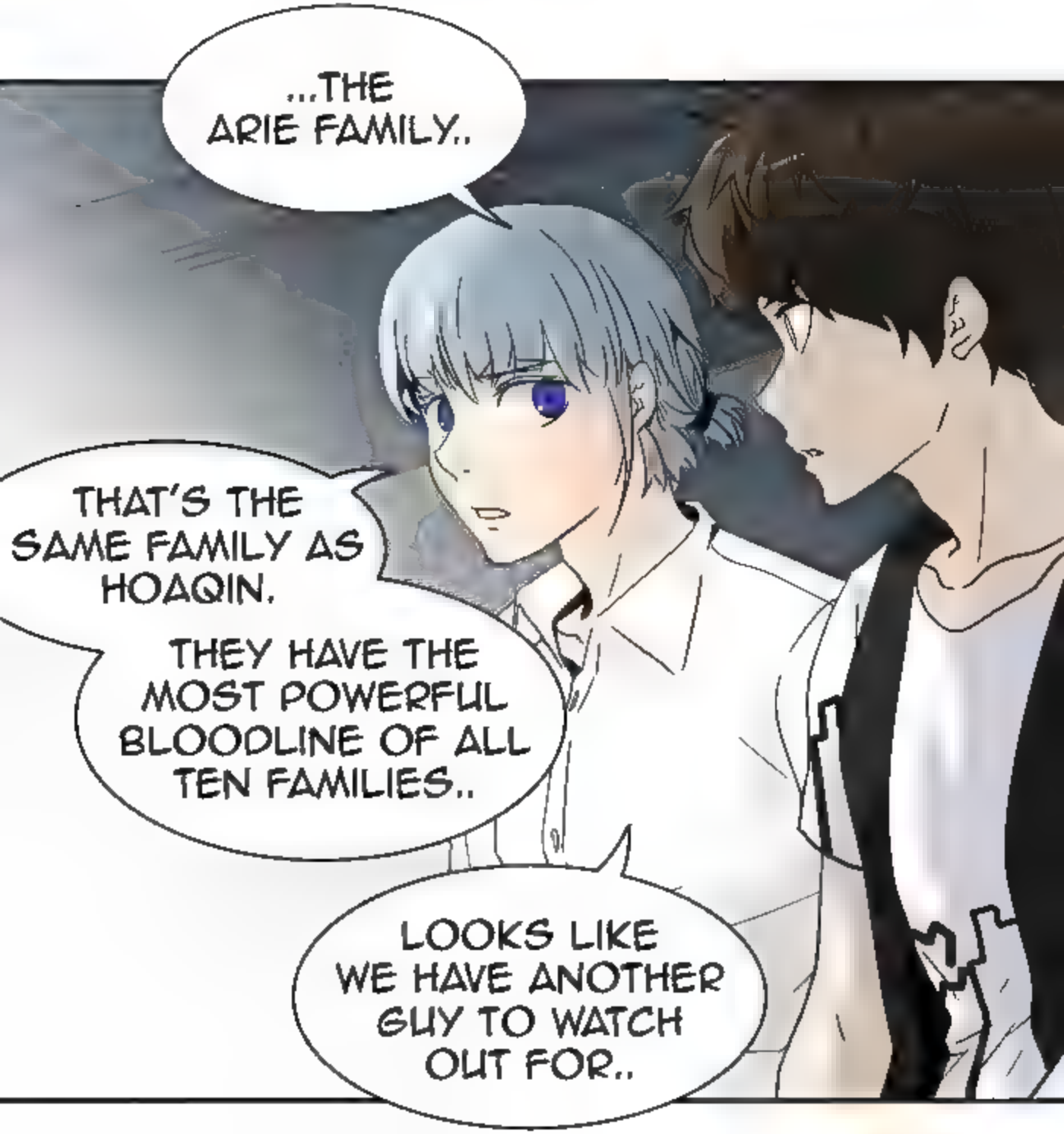
FORGET IT..
YOU GUYS OWE ISU FOR SAVING YOU...

AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET KAISER THANKS TO YOU GUYS.

...SO WHO CAPTURED RAK AND EHWA?
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY TO TAKE THOSE TWO AWAY.

..I ASKED THE OTHER NO-NAMED WHO WERE THERE,
AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS 'ARIE INIETA.'
...WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS BOY SUDDENLY DOING HERE?
...ARIE!?


YEAH.
ARIE INIETA.
HE CAME HERE AROUND A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AND SECURED A PLACE AS ONE OF THE TEN BOSSES.
THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF RUMORS ABOUT HOW HE ENDED UP HERE.. BUT WHAT'S CERTAIN IS THAT HE'S EXTREMELY STRONG.
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER IT'S BECAUSE THE ARIE FAMILY WON'T GET HIM OUT OF HERE OR WHETHER HE'S JUST NOT LEAVING, BUT HE KEEPS STAYING HERE.
HE'S THE ONLY ONE OF THE TEN BOSSES WHOSE SKILLS EVEN KAISER ACKNOWLEDGES.

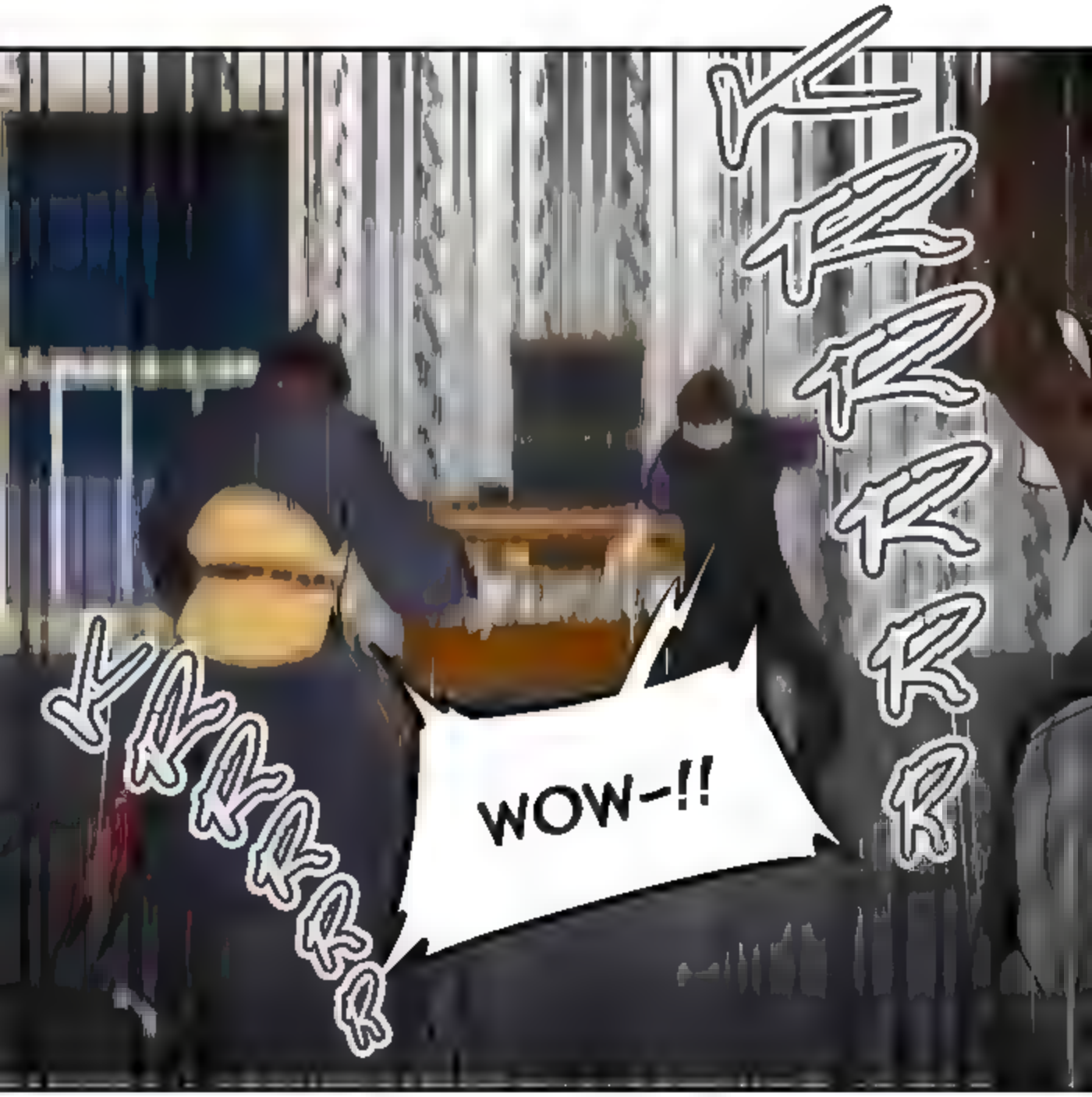

...THE ARIE FAMILY..
THAT'S THE SAME FAMILY AS HOAQIN.
THEY HAVE THE MOST POWERFUL BLOODLINE OF ALL TEN FAMILIES..
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE ANOTHER GUY TO WATCH OUT FOR..

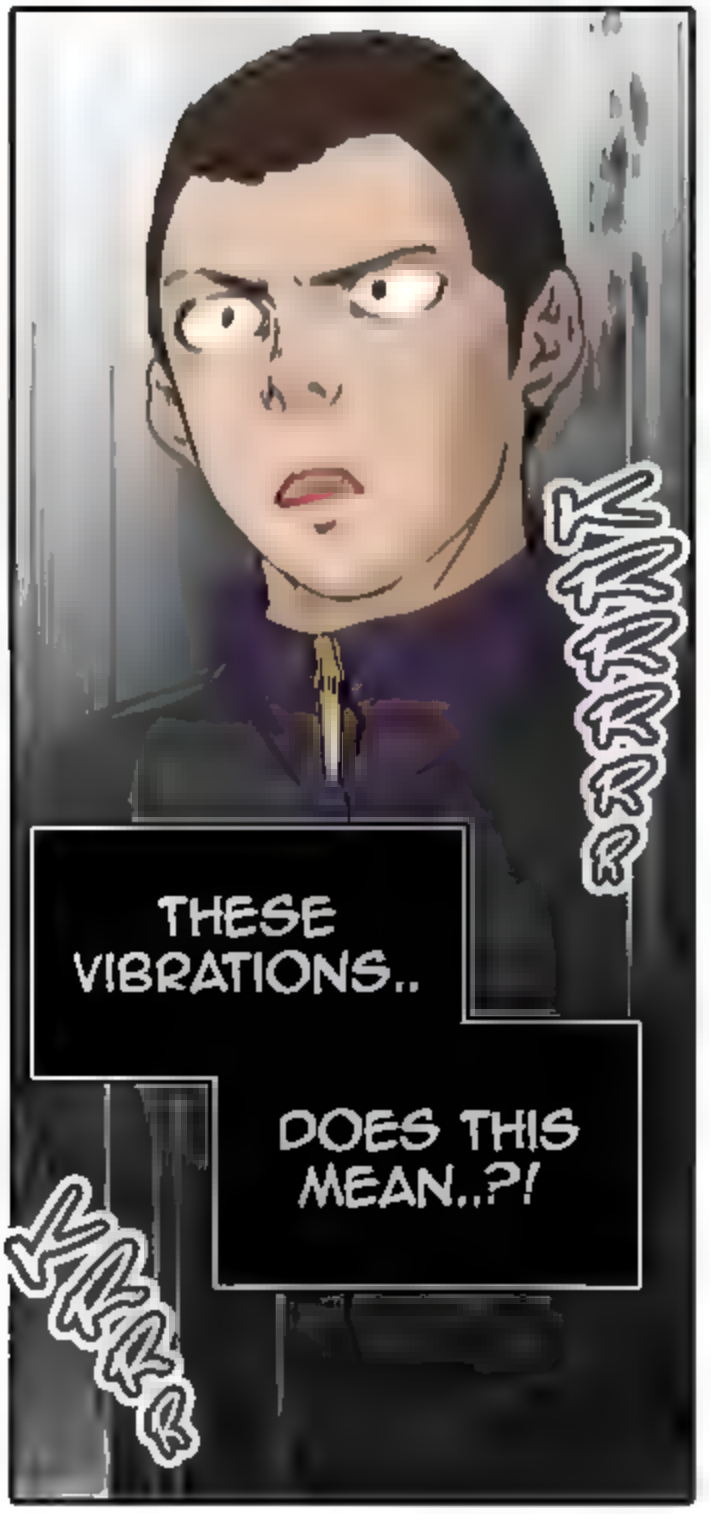
BUT I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT THE TURTLE GOT CAUGHT..
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW..?

?!
SLAM
WHOA!?

HUH..?!

RUSTLE
W-WHAT'S THAT?!


KRRRR
KRRRRR
WOW-!!


KRRRR
THESE VIBRATIONS..
DOES THIS MEAN..?!
KRRR

KRRRRRRRR
HAS IT BEGUN..?!

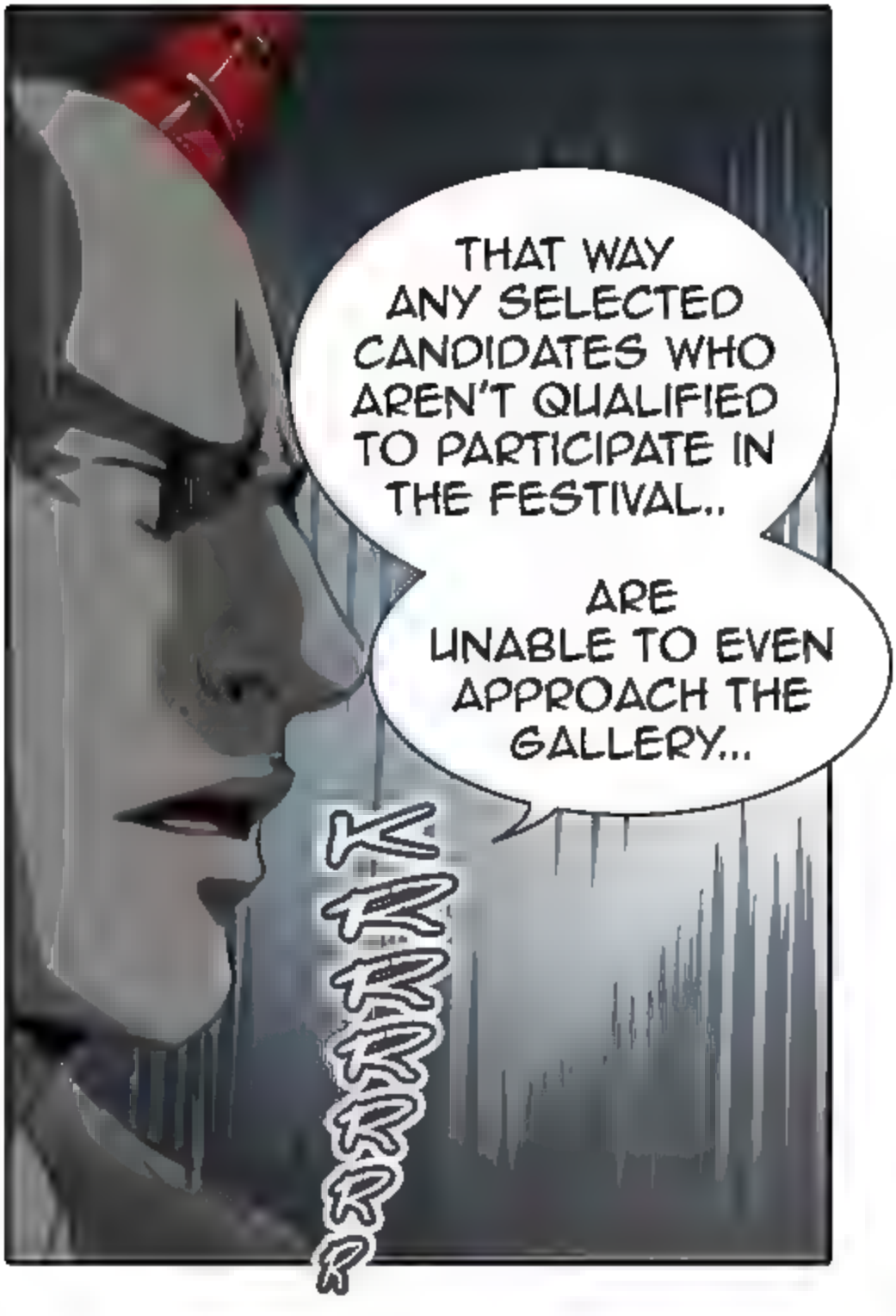
T-THE GALLERY..!!

KRRRRR
KRRRRP
KRRRRR
IS RISING..?!

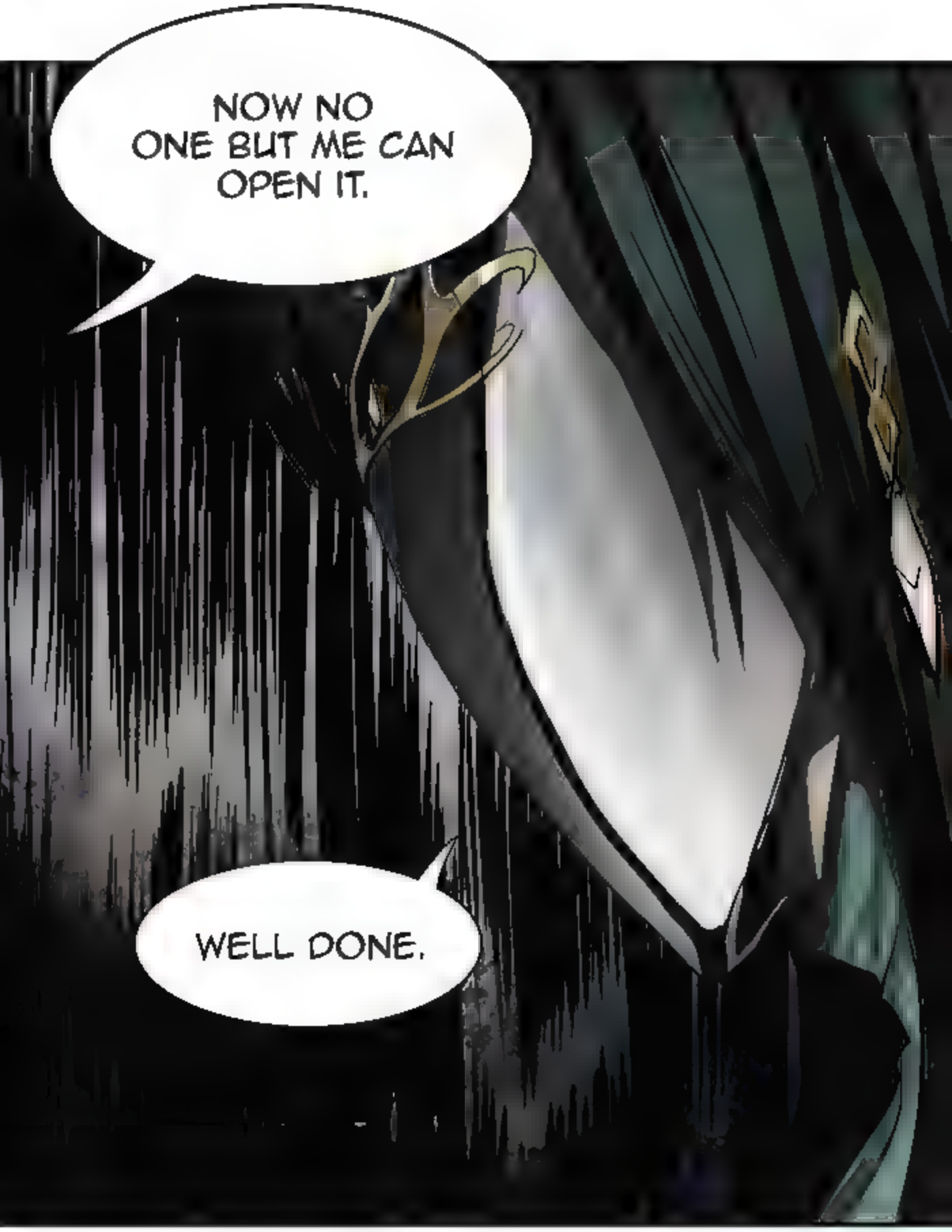
W-WHAT'S THAT?!
KRRRRRRR
KRRRR

T...THE GALLERY..
IS RISING..?!
KRKRKRR
....!!

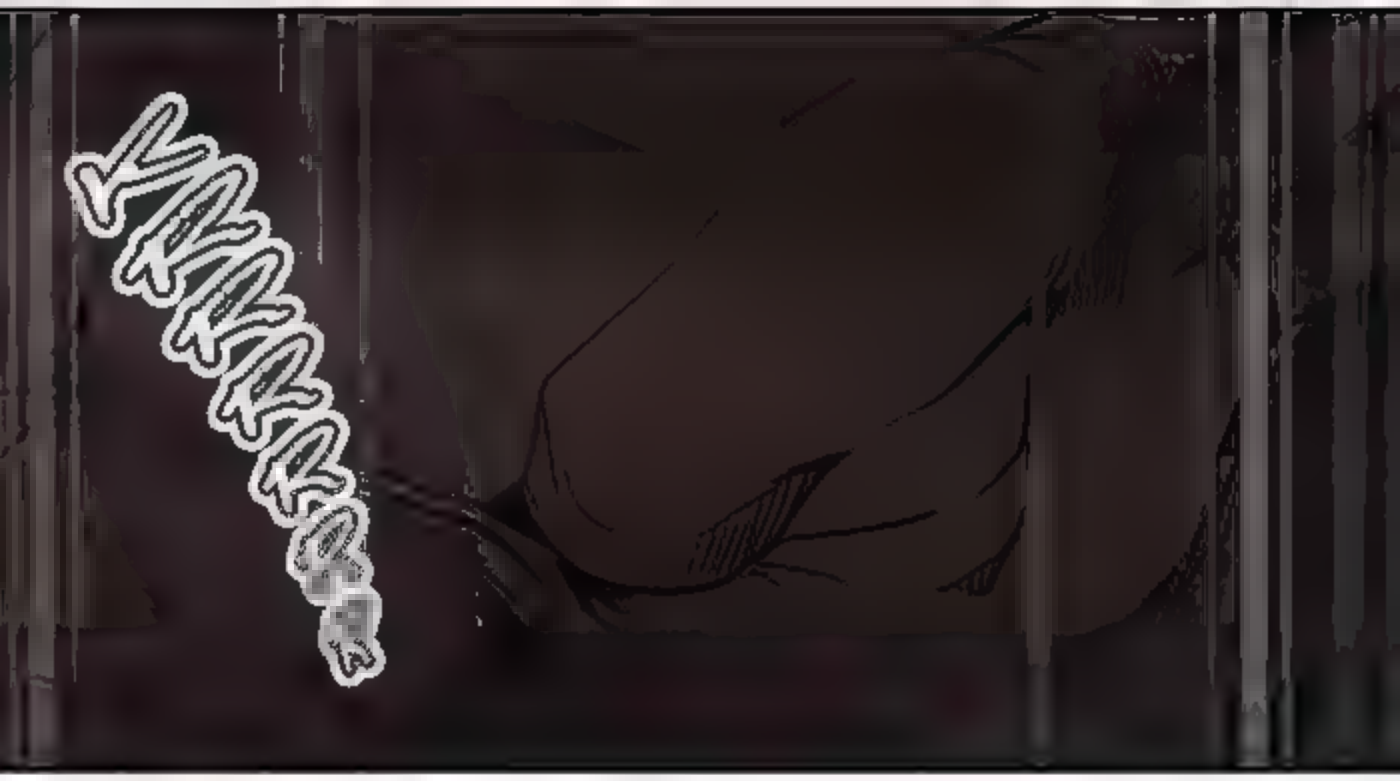
THAT'S TO PREPARE FOR THE FESTIVAL TO BEGIN.
KRRRRR
WHAT..? PREPARING FOR THE FESTIVAL?
YEAH, ON THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL, THE GALLERY FALLS AWAY FROM THE STATION AND BECOMES AN ISOLATED ISLAND.


THAT WAY ANY SELECTED CANDIDATES WHO AREN'T QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL..
ARE UNABLE TO EVEN APPROACH THE GALLERY...
KRRRRRR

KRRRRR
THE SEAL IS COMPLETE.


NOW NO ONE BUT ME CAN OPEN IT.
WELL DONE.

SHALL WE SEND THEM AN INVITATION NOW?
KKKKKKKKK
IT MUST HAVE HURT THAT FUG SLAYER CANDIDATE'S PRIDE TO HEAR THAT HE LOST HIS COMPANIONS.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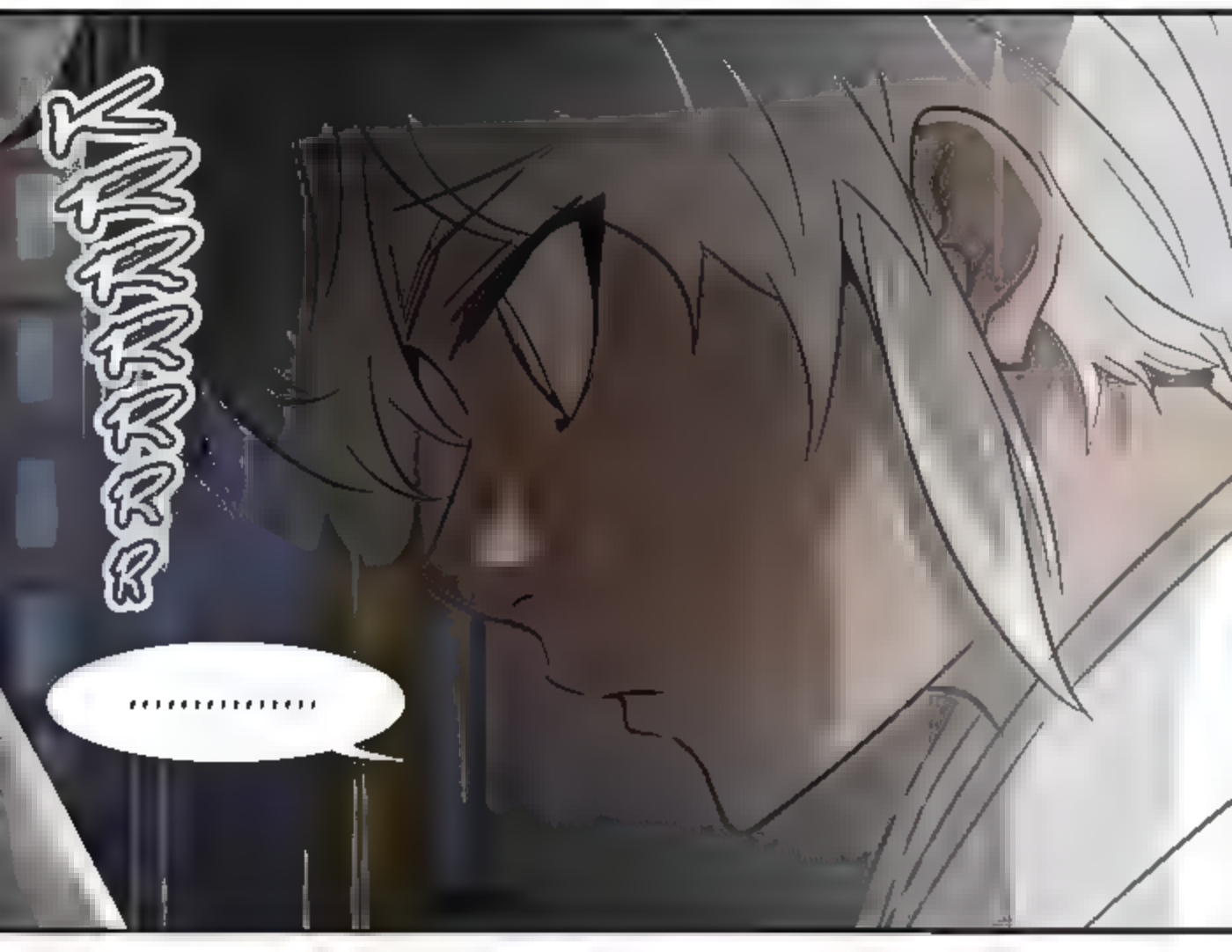
KRRRRR
.....

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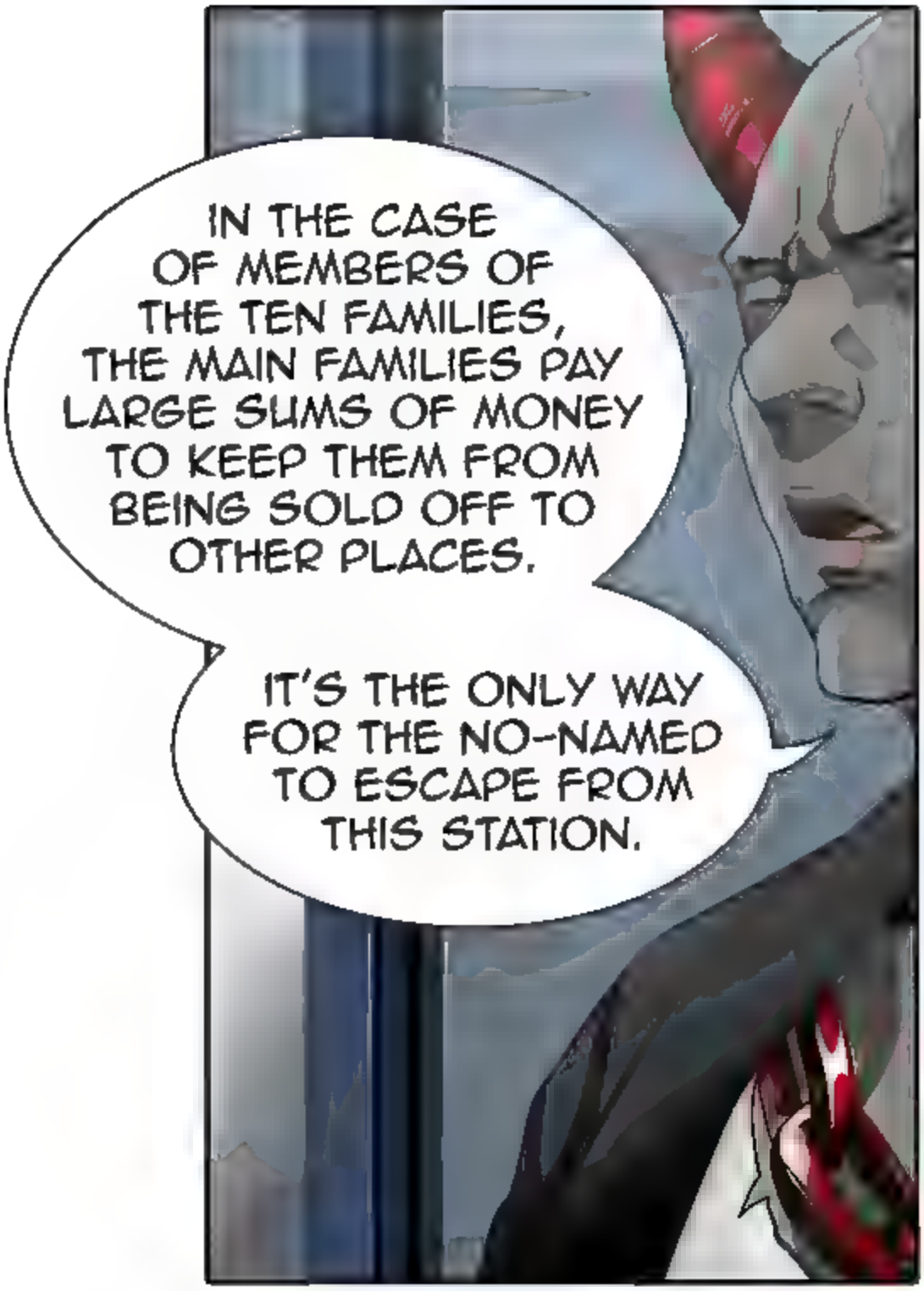
KKKKKKKK

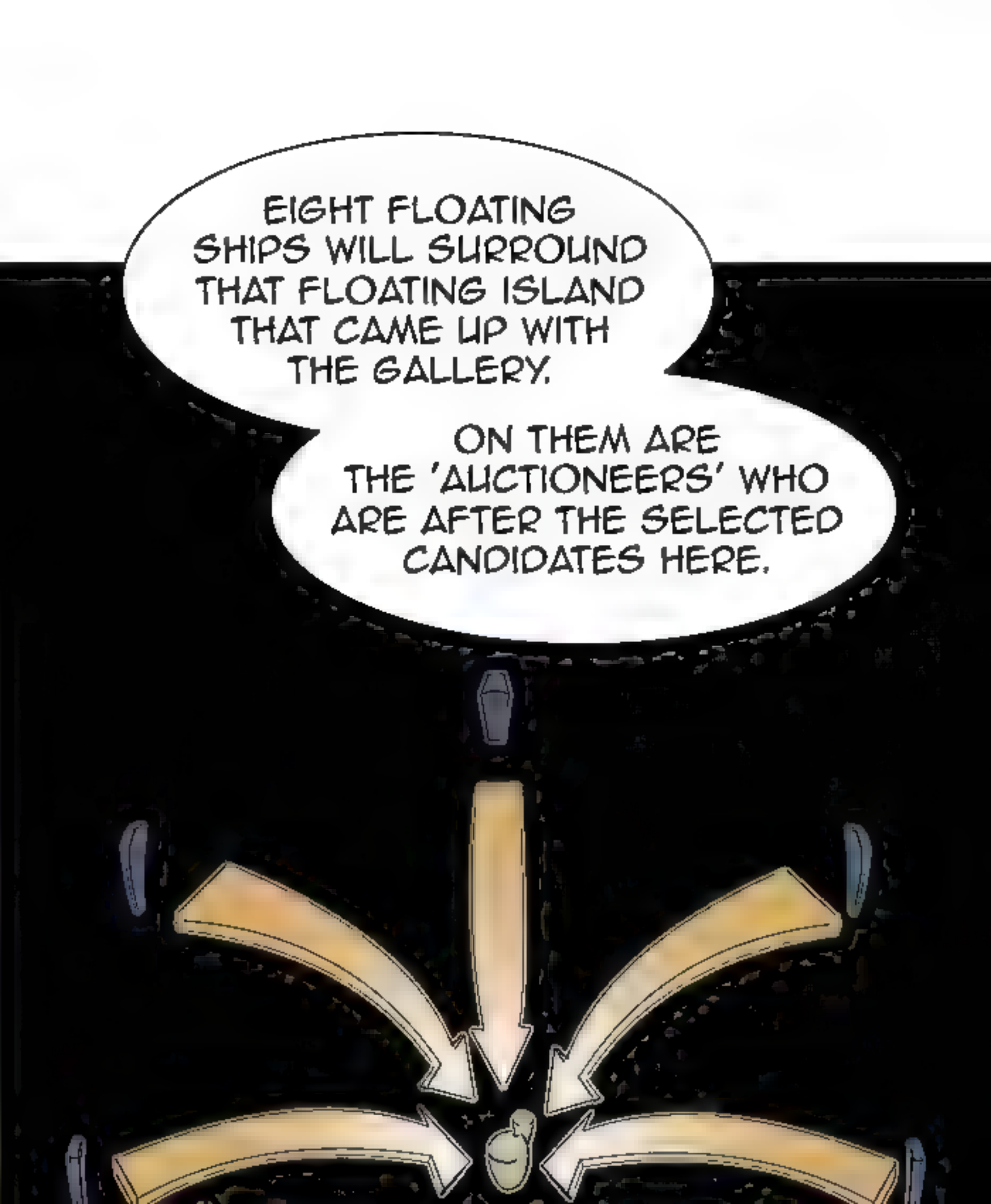
...THE GALLERY IS COMPLETELY IN THE AIR..!
BUT WHAT'S THAT THING FLOATING UNDER IT?

..IS SOMETHING ELSE COMING CLOSER?

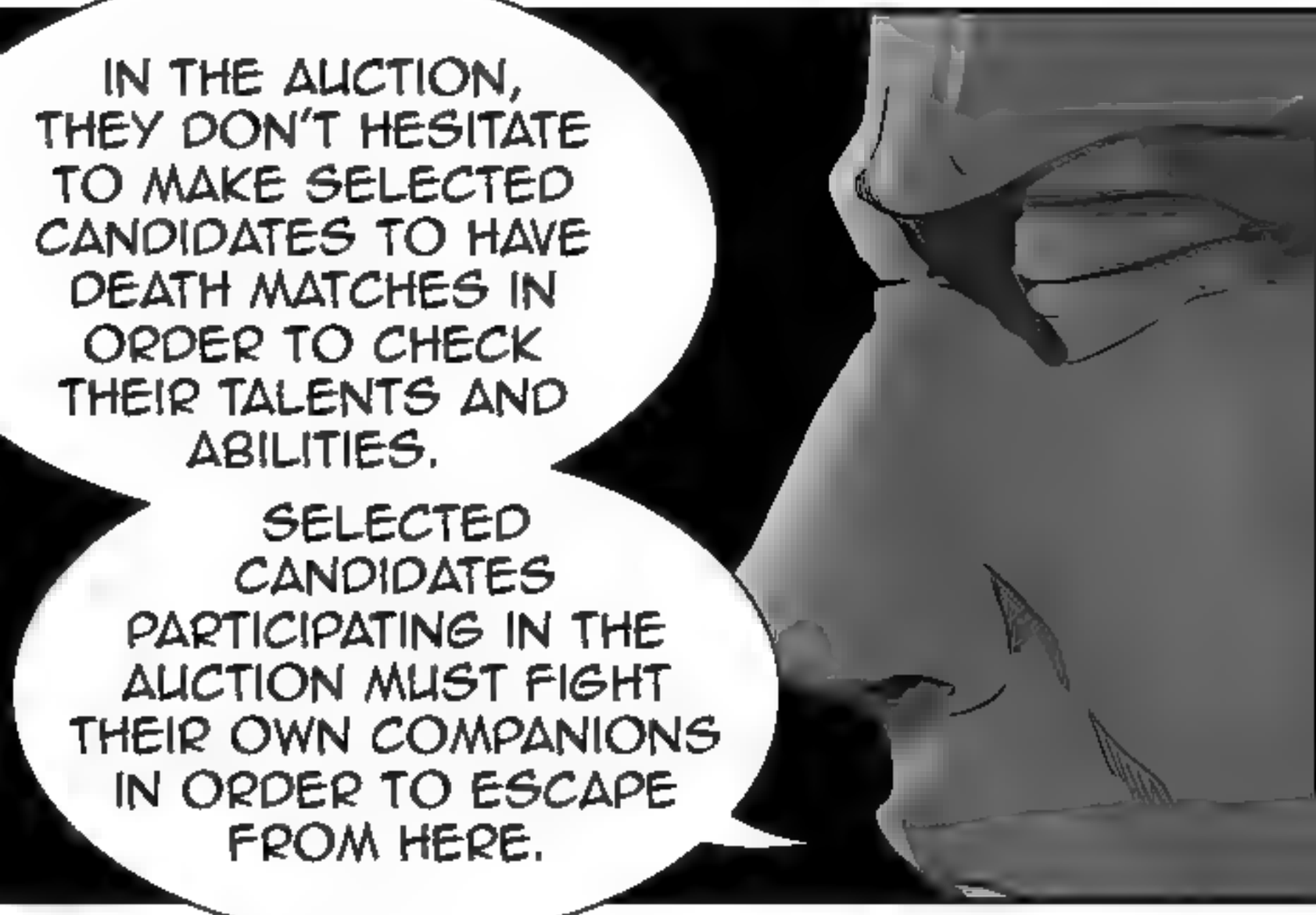
..THAT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND, THE PLACE WHERE THEY HOLD THE AUCTION.
NOW, THE FLOATING SHIPS CARRYING THE AUCTIONEERS WILL SOON SURROUND US.
'AUCTIONEERS'?!
YEAH, PEOPLE INVITED FROM EACH FAMILY. THEY BUY THE NAMES OF SELECTED CANDIDATES WHO LOOKS LIKE THEY MIGHT BE VALUABLE.

..BUYING THE NAMES OF SELECTED CANDIDATES.. WHAT DO YOU MEAN..?!
AS I SAID, IT'S A 'HUMAN AUCTION.'
RANKERS GATHER AND ASSIGN VALUES TO SELECTED CANDIDATES OFFERED AS GOODS, THEN THEY BUY THEM.


IN THE CASE OF MEMBERS OF THE TEN FAMILIES, THE MAIN FAMILIES PAY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO KEEP THEM FROM BEING SOLD OFF TO OTHER PLACES.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR THE NO-NAMED TO ESCAPE FROM THIS STATION.


EIGHT FLOATING SHIPS WILL SURROUND THAT FLOATING ISLAND THAT CAME UP WITH THE GALLERY.
ON THEM ARE THE 'AUCTIONEERS' WHO ARE AFTER THE SELECTED CANDIDATES HERE.

THE AUCTIONEERS WATCH THE 'FESTIVAL' AS IT UNFOLDS IN THE AUCTION HOUSE, AND THEY ASSIGN VALUES TO THEM.
THE FESTIVAL ACTUALLY REFERS TO THE BATTLE THAT TAKES PLACE AMONG THE SELECTED CANDIDATES WHO ARE UP FOR AUCTION IN THERE.


IN THE AUCTION, THEY DON'T HESITATE TO MAKE SELECTED CANDIDATES TO HAVE DEATH MATCHES IN ORDER TO CHECK THEIR TALENTS AND ABILITIES.
SELECTED CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING IN THE AUCTION MUST FIGHT THEIR OWN COMPANIONS IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM HERE.

...I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT THE 'FESTIVAL' IS..
AN EVENT WHERE PEOPLE TRY TO PROVE TO THE AUCTIONEERS THAT THEY'RE BETTER THAN EACH OTHER..?
YES. ALTHOUGH WHOEVER GATHERS THE NAMES OF ALL TEN BOSSES MAY COMPETE WITH KAISER AT THE FESTIVAL, OF COURSE..

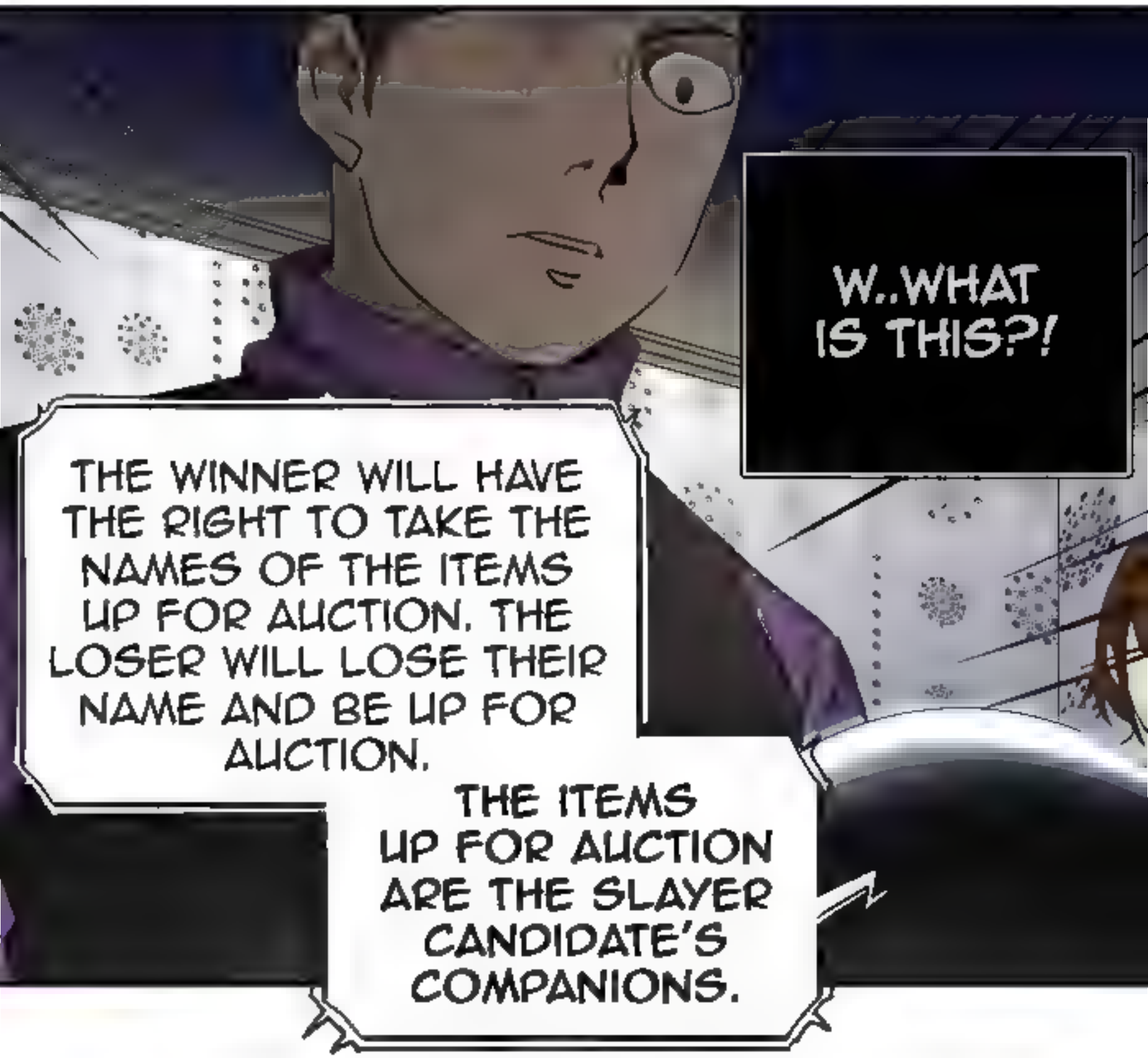
KRRRRR
NO ONE HAS CHALLENGED KAISER AT THE FESTIVAL FOR THE LAST THOUSAND YEARS.

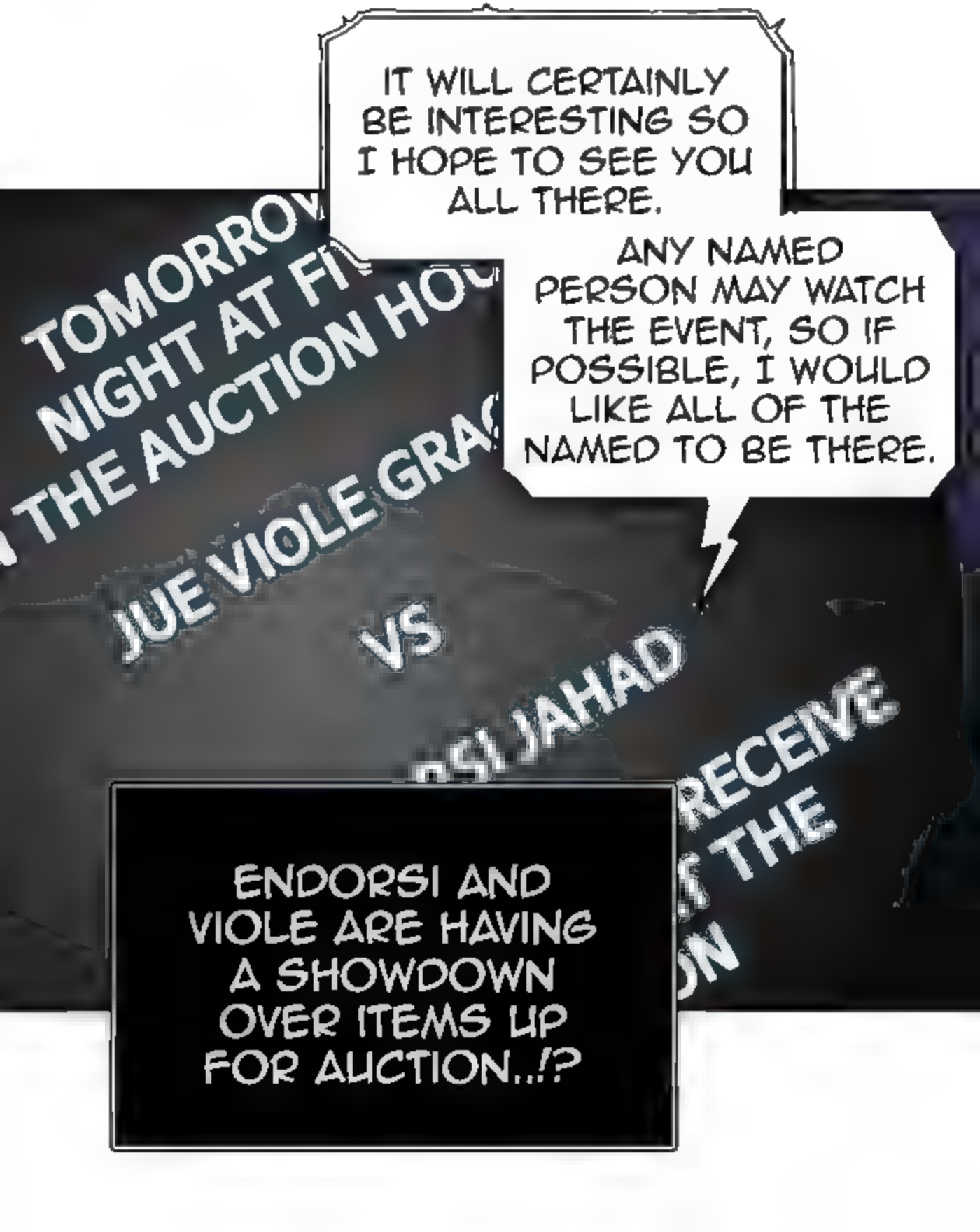
KRRRP
KSSSSH

KRRRR

-CHHH-
THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL OF THE NAMED CURRENTLY ON THE NAME HUNT STATION-!
CHHH-
?!
KAISER'S VOICE!?

THE FESTIVAL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN TOMORROW AT FIVE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND.
CHHH-
TOMORROW NIGHT AT FIVE IN THE AUCTION HOUSE
NE VIOLE GRACE
VS
ENDORSI JAHAD
THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE ITEMS AT THE AUCTION
WHAT'S THIS...!?
I'VE ALSO PREPARED A SPECIAL EVENT ALONG WITH THE AUCTION TO MAKE THIS MORE INTERESTING FOR YOU ALL.
THERE WILL BE A BATTLE BETWEEH THE F.U.G. SLAYER CANDIDATE AND PRINCESS JAHAD.
CHHH-


W..WHAT IS THIS?!
THE WINNER WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE NAMES OF THE ITEMS UP FOR AUCTION. THE LOSER WILL LOSE THEIR NAME AND BE UP FOR AUCTION.
THE ITEMS UP FOR AUCTION ARE THE SLAYER CANDIDATE'S COMPANIONS.


IT WILL CERTAINLY BE INTERESTING SO I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.
ANY NAMED PERSON MAY WATCH THE EVENT, SO IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE ALL OF THE NAMED TO BE THERE.
TOMORROW
NIGHT AT FI
THE AUCTION HOU
JUE VIOLE GRA
VS
JAHAD
RECEIVE
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ON
ENDORSI AND VIOLE ARE HAVING A SHOWDOWN OVER ITEMS UP FOR AUCTION...!?

IF EITHER OF THE TWO OF THEM DOES NOT SHOW UP, THE AUCTION ITEMS WILL ALL BE DISPOSED OF. THAT IS ALL.
...WH-WHAT IS THIS!?
JUE VIOLE GRACE AND ENDORSI JAHAD ARE FIGHTING?!
TOMORROW NIGHT AT FIVE IN THE AUCTION HOUSE
WHAT THE HECK IS KAISER UP TO?!

THAT DAMN KAISER..
WHAT KIND OF DIRTY TRICK IS BEING PLANNED?

SO~
THE PLAN IS TO GET RID OF BOTH OF THEM AT ONCE?
HEH~ KAISER'S PRETTY GOOD.

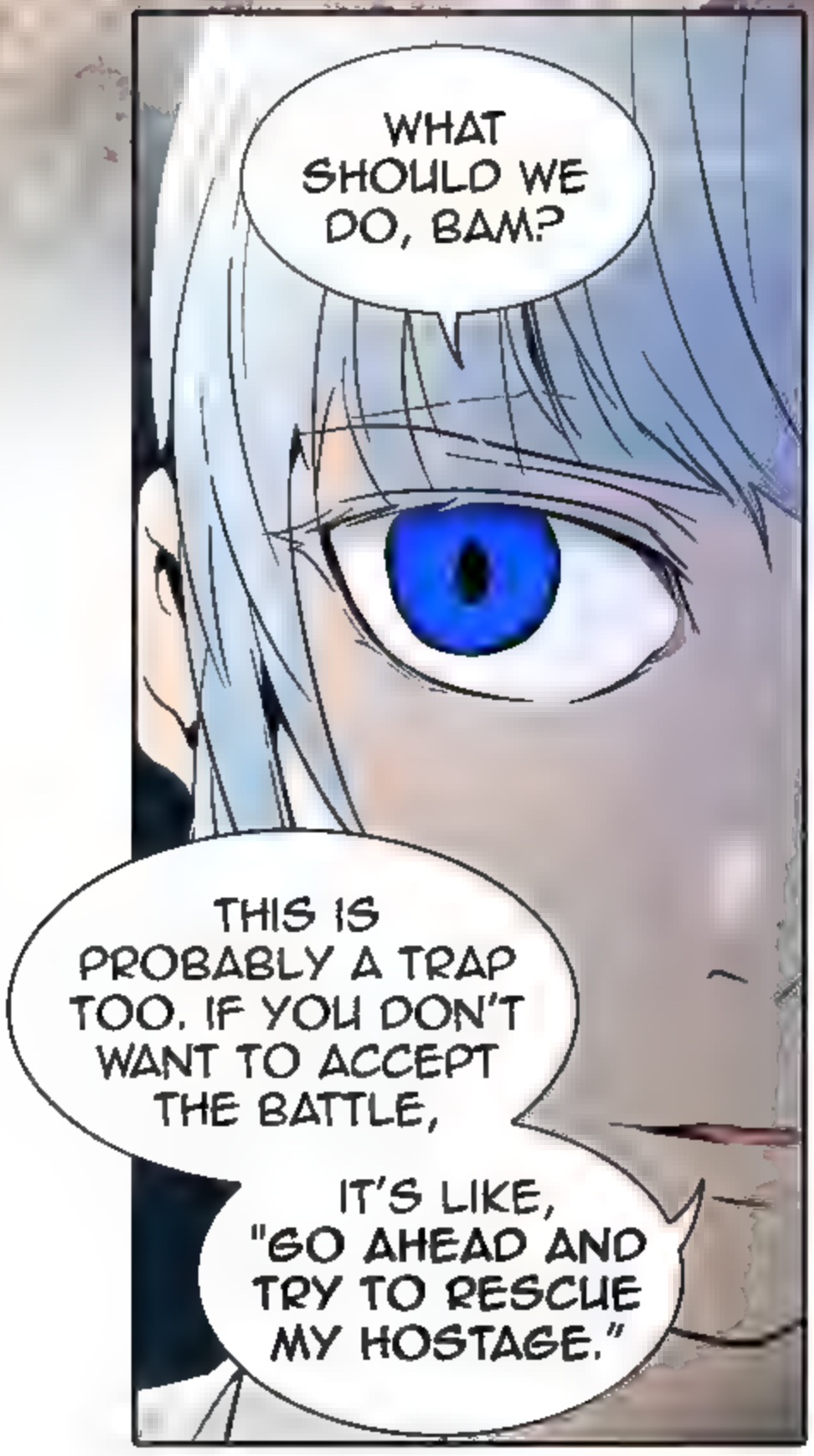
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WASN'T ENDORSI JAHAD ONE OF YOUR COMPANIONS?
.....YEAH.
SINCE KAISER KNOWS THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM..
THEIR PLAN IS PROBABLY TO TRY TO TURN US AGAINST EACH OTHER.

..BUT WHAT KAISER REALLY WANTED WAS PROBABLY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS FIGHT.

BUT IT'S PROBABLY STILL NOT KNOWN THAT THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN GREAT BETWEEN US.

SO BY ANNOUNCING A BATTLE BETWEEN VIOLE AND ENDORSI, WHO HOLDS THE KEY, KAISER IS TRYING TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

IT'S CLEAR WHAT WAS INTENDED BY SHIFTING THE TIME FORWARD BY AN HOUR FROM SIX O'CLOCK SUGGESTED BY ENDORSI, TOO.


WHAT SHOULD WE DO, BAM?
THIS IS PROBABLY A TRAP TOO. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT THE BATTLE,
IT'S LIKE, "GO AHEAD AND TRY TO RESCUE MY HOSTAGE."

YEAH..
BUT.. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE MUCH CHOICE BUT TO GO.

THAT'S RIGHT. I'LL HANDLE THAT ROLE.
SINCE THEY DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM AS YOU.
WHAT A PAIN..
YEAH. IT WOULD BE GOOD IF YOU COULD DO THAT FOR US.
THE TEN BOSSES WILL DEFINITELY BE THERE SO BE CAREFUL.

..BUT CAN ANYONE ENTER THE AUCTION HOUSE?
YEAH. ANY NAMED PERSON CAN ENTER THE AUCTION HOUSE AND THE FLOATING ISLAND, EXCEPT THE GALLERY WHERE KAISER IS.

WE KNOW HOW THAT PLACE IS STRUCTURED SO WE'LL LEAD THE WAY.
WE'LL HELP YOU WITH ANYTHING AS LONG AS YOU CAN DEFEAT KAISER!!
WE'VE GOT A MAJOR GRUDGE, YOU KNOW!
CRACK
CRACK
THANKS.
WE HAD BETTER PICK OUT AS MANY NAMED WHO COULD BE USEFUL AS POSSIBLE.

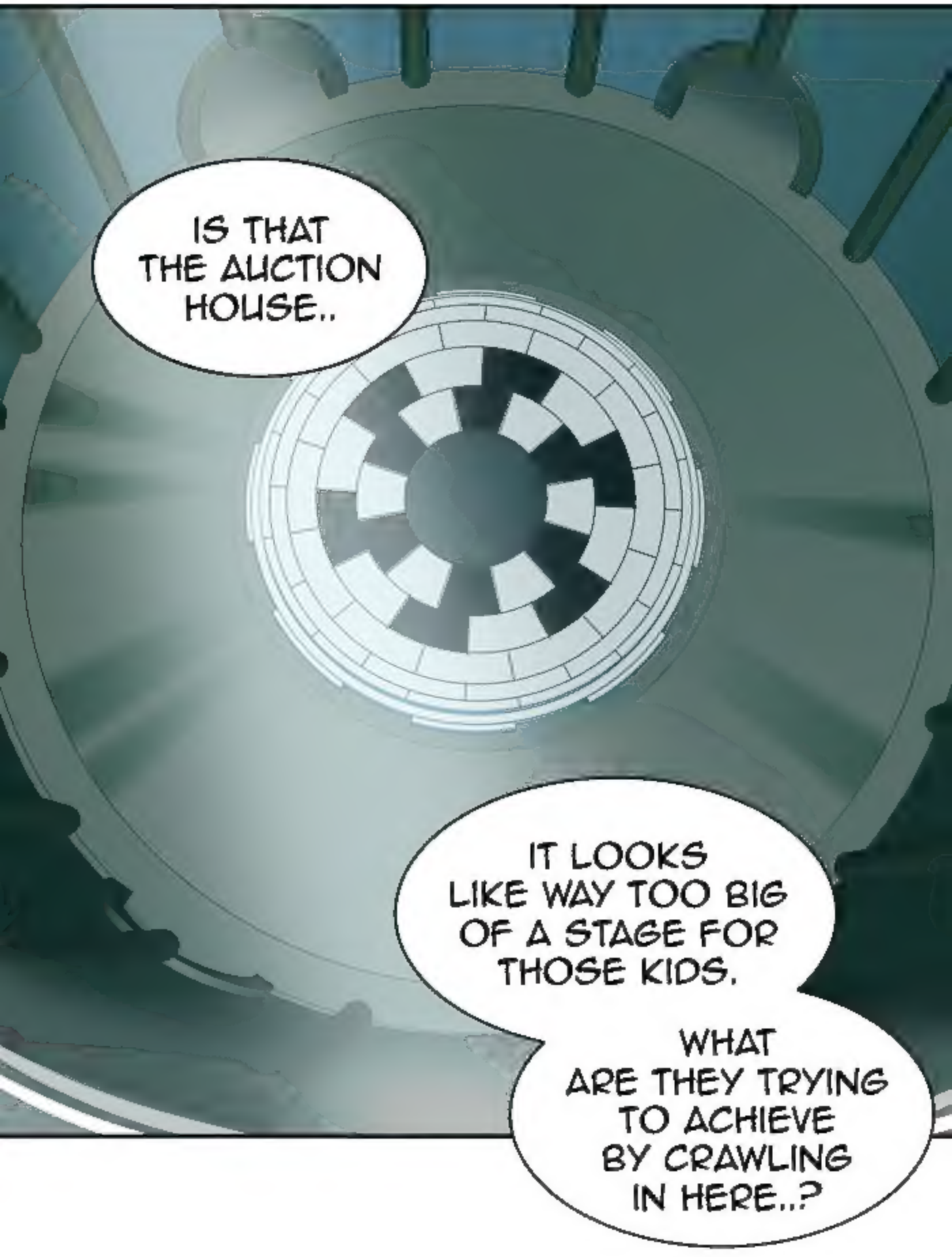
THEN..
LET'S HEAD OUT RIGHT AWAY.
SKRRRT

TO SAVE RAK
AND DEFEAT KAISER.

AUCTION HOUSE
ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND

SECTOR SEVEN OF THE DOCKED FLOATING SHIPS
THE RESIDENCE OF THE 'AUCTIONEERS'

THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN TOMORROW AT FIVE O'CLOCK.
THERE IS A VERY BIG EVENT PREPARED FOR THE VERY START OF THIS FESTIVAL SO I HOPE YOU WILL ALL LOOK FORWARD TO IT!!


IS THAT THE AUCTION HOUSE..
IT LOOKS LIKE WAY TOO BIG OF A STAGE FOR THOSE KIDS.
WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO ACHIEVE BY CRAWLING IN HERE..?

I'M TELLING YOU, THEY SURE CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE..
UM, SIR..
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SMOKE IN HERE..
HUH..?

AH-
SSK-
THIS IS JUST A SUCKER.
!

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